

Dear Transportation Committee Members,

I am writing to you to express opposition to the border toll proposal in House Bill 6818. As a commuter who works in Westchester County and lives in Stratford, and previously had worked in Stamford and Hartford, tolls will have an adverse effect on our infrastructure and traffic congestion, which is already at an overload point on I-95 and the Merritt Parkway in Fairfield and New Haven Counties. High speed rolls has not eased traffic congestion in New Jersey, and we should not make the same mistake. On average, a drive from Greenwich to Stratford, across the length of Fairfield County averages over two and a half hours during the evening commutes. An added toll that adds time and expense to my already long commute may force me to leave my job in New York.

Many Connecticut Residents who live within a commuting distance of New York, Massachusetts or Rhode Island will incur the brunt of what effectively is a middle class tax, and now out of state motorists. If the aim is to attract tax dollars from out of state sources, then other solutions should be considered such as using our weigh stations for tractor trailers as a collection service, or provide more easier to access rest stops for tractor trailer and those who travel through CT en route to New York or Boston so they stop for fuel and food in Connecticut and we can collect those taxes from those purchases.

I thank you for your service to our State and I urge to to reconsider the border toll proposal in HB 6818.

Sincerely,

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